

Boston. October 9. 1837.

Dear Debora,

You will receive this from dear Brother Phelps whom I still consider as a Brother beloved and from whom you must pick up all you can concerning the state of the cause. I went down to Weymouth on Saturday last, in his company in the stage. There was a good deal of difficulty and opposition previous to his coming which I shall ask Aunt Mary to explain to you. Mr Peffas set down at Mr Perkins' Saturday night, where he staid till Sunday morning. He then called upon Mrs Field & went to meeting with her, calling upon us at Grandmama's as he went. He dined at Mrs Perkins and in the afternoon, — did not preach as was expected. I suppose you have heard in the paper of Ann Maria Hunt's death. Mr Perkins in order to keep out Bro Phelps, I believe, determined to preach a funeral sermon in the morning and an address to the young people of the parish in the afternoon. Mr Phelps there fore merely offered the long prayer which was very glorious. After the services were over, Mr Perkins gave notice of a sermon to be delivered at 4 by Mr Phelps. I presume he had ~~become~~ begun to find out that the parish would be better pleased to hear a sermon from Bro Phelps. He went home with Mrs Field & at her invitation I went too, where I had some talk & on the whole satisfactory with him. He preached a very lovely sermon which was some compensation for the very indifferent ones delivered by the Rev Mr Perkins. The subject was Christian affection and I assure you that he preached what was calculated to do great good. He took tea at Mrs Fields and in the evening lectured on Slavery in a very happy manner. He took up the Bible argument, & shew'd the religious aspects of the case. He uttered a very faithful testimony saying that he would as soon admit a high way robber to his pulpit as a slave holder & would as soon commune with a high way robber. This I suppose was a special blow aimed at Messrs White & Beagden. Mr Phelps did not come in town in the stage, as Mr Perkins offered to bring him in this morning. The house was very full. Mr & Aunt Priscilla went & were both highly pleased. During my absence Sat afternoon the



Board meeting was held & to my great purpose <sup>they</sup> accepted  
Maria's Report. Mary Parker seems to have righted again.  
She seemed almost ready to despair but she is, I think,  
herself again. The rest of the Board are firm. The Annual  
meeting is next Wed, & as usual Maria is hurried out of  
her paces almost. But I must tell you of the triumph of  
yesterday. Mr Peabody preached at Dr Channing's church  
in the morning; Maria carried a notice to the sexton  
who gave it to a man who tore it up before her face &  
eyes. At noon she wrote a handsome note to Mr Denison  
a notice and asking him to read it & he read it. What  
church seems to be fattened. Neither Henry nor Maria were  
there, & Mary dared not look up. But it is done. Dear  
Ann Chapman, this brings her to mind. Caroline has a  
very bad cold but hopes she is better. I was very well  
before I went to Weymouth. There I took a little cold, but  
trust soon to be better. Great care is all I need, but I fear  
I shall hardly be able to go out in the evening this  
winter. Lucretia is now out at Weymouth. She will probably  
go the last of this week. I have heard nothing of late  
from Sarah Ann. Mrs Bailey is about the same. Mr  
Chapman has made us a present of a barrel of flour.  
Kilneth is I expect in Washington, as correspondent of  
the Atlas. Sam, you see, putting down all the items I  
can think of. I found all pretty well at Weymouth.  
Aunt Mary will I hope make a good long visit. Garrison  
is going to Boston on Thursday next to lecture. Mrs Telford  
worth his reference to Mr Perkins knows no bounds nor can  
I wonder for I think he has treated her in a very unworthy  
manner. Though I have such unbounded confidence in  
Bro Phelps yet I wish you to observe his doings well & write  
very particularly all & how about him. Go to all the  
meetings if you can. Write very fully by him. There was a  
meeting in the Free Church Sat evening in which Isaac  
Gulliver used his influence to prevent I am afraid being  
when against the appeal. Finally Leeson G asked if the  
sisters had ought to say, upon which Mary Parker spoke  
& to use Mary Clark's phrase cornered him. After a little  
urging Mrs Purdy also bore a decided testimony.  
I send your little black apron which came out at  
Weymouth. Ann Maria was perfectly sensible when she  
died & expressed great willingness & readiness, but she was  
so weak & worn out she hardly, I presume knew much.  
Give my love to all I know. I have paid Joseph your  
bill. I received your letter the other day, directed to me



though it began "Dear Aunt Mary." The same day  
we had a letter from Hervey, who was well. Warren  
did do tolerably. once more write at length.  
ever yrs Anne.

Henry paid me \$4 for you. I send you \$2. One dollar  
I paid to Knapp & another I shall pay to Mary  
Clark. You owe her 63 cts & the rest will be for Emma  
in this right.



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Rev A. A. Phelps.